

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A charge collecting system connected by a network to user terminals operated by a plurality of users, the system comprising:

a use information management unit which manages use information of the plurality of users and generates requested contents related to such use information for each of the plurality of users as of a closing date of a predetermined period of time during which each respective user is authorized to use the charge collection system;

a notice information management unit which manages ~~the~~ requested contents to be notified to each of the plurality of users via a the network in correspondence according to each a corresponding user address on said the network provided by the use information management unit in correspondence to for each of said the respective users, respectively;

a requested contents notice unit which transmits said requested contents which are managed by said notice information management unit and said addresses of said users corresponding to said requested contents to each of said the users via said the network, by Email the corresponding requested contents and a payment execution information including an address of the notice information management unit to which a paying instruction regarding the corresponding requested contents is to be sent; and

a settlement unit which makes a real-time settlement on said the network when there is an access by one of the plurality of users to said the paying address notified by said the requested contents notice unit from said user corresponding to said address and a the paying instruction regarding said requested contents the corresponding requested contents from said the one user is received.

2. A system according to claim 1, ~~further comprising a use information management unit which manages a period of time which has been predetermined every user and during which the use of said charge collecting system is permitted,~~

~~and wherein said notice information management unit manages said notice information on the basis of use management information including said requested contents and said address of said use information management unit, and said requested contents notice unit receives a control of the transmission of said transmits the requested contents to each of~~

~~the users by Email in accordance with said the use management information managed by the~~
~~of said use information management unit.~~

3. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein said requested contents notice unit is permitted to transmit said ~~Email~~ requested contents to said user only in the period of time during which the use is permitted by said use management information of each of said users.

4. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein ~~said settlement unit makes a real-time settlement on said network when there is the access to said address notified by said requested contents notice unit from the user corresponding to said address and the paying instruction regarding said requested contents from said user is received~~ the predetermined period is one month.

5. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, wherein ~~said~~ the system is further connected by the network to a wallet server comprising an electronic wallet corresponding to each of the plurality of users, such that the settlement unit has a wallet which is used has access to the electronic wallets for the real-time settlement associated with and which corresponds to each of the users.

6. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein said settlement unit makes the settlement in accordance with an SET (Secure Electronic Transactions).

7. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein said settlement by said settlement unit is a credit settlement using a credit card.

8. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein said settlement by said settlement unit is a settlement using prepaid-type electronic money.

9. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein ~~said address~~ each of the respective addresses of the users and the paying address is a URL (Uniform Resource Locator) on the Internet.

10. A ~~control~~ computer program for a charge collecting system, wherein said program is executable on ~~allows~~ a computer ~~constructing~~ controlling said charge collecting system so as to function and execute ~~cause said system to perform~~:

a use information management step ~~which manages a period of time which has been predetermined every user and during which use of said charge collecting system is permitted for managing use information of a plurality of users and generating requested contents related to such use information for each of the plurality of users as of a closing date of a predetermined period of time during which each respective user is authorized to use the charge collection system~~;

a notice information management step ~~which manages~~ for managing the requested contents to be notified to each of the plurality of said users via a network, ~~in correspondence to each~~ according to a corresponding user address on said network provided ~~in correspondence to~~ for each of the respective said users ~~on the basis as part of the use management information which is managed in said use information management step~~;

a requested contents notice step ~~for transmitting which transmits said requested contents which are managed in said notice information management step and said addresses on said network of said users corresponding to said requested contents to each of the said users by Email via the said network, in accordance with said use management information in said use information management step~~ the corresponding requested contents managed in the notice information management step and a payment execution information including a paying address to which a paying instruction regarding the corresponding requested contents is to be sent; and

a settlement step ~~which makes a~~ for making real-time settlement on the said network when there is an access by one of the plurality of users to the paying said address notified in the ~~by said~~ requested contents notice step ~~from said user corresponding to said address and a the paying instruction regarding said the corresponding requested contents from said the one user is received~~.

11. (New) A charge collecting system connected by a network to user terminals operated by a plurality of users, the system comprising:

a use information management unit which manages use information of the plurality of users and generates requested contents for each of the plurality of users as of a date prior to a date of closing of a predetermined period during which each respective user is to be authorized to use the charge collection system;

a notice information management unit which manages the requested contents to be notified to each of the plurality of users via the network according to a corresponding user address on the network provided by the use information management unit for each of the respective users;

a requested contents notice unit which transmits to each of the users via the network, the corresponding requested contents and a payment execution information including an address of the notice information management unit to which a paying instruction regarding the corresponding requested contents is to be sent; and

a settlement unit which makes a real-time settlement on the network when there is an access by one of the plurality of users to the paying address notified by the requested contents notice unit and a the paying instruction regarding the corresponding requested contents from the one user is received.

12. (New) A system according to claim 11, wherein said requested contents notice unit transmits the requested contents to each of the users by Email in accordance with the use information managed by the use information management unit.

13. (New) A system according to claim 11, wherein the settlement unit provides the use information management unit with information indicative of completion of the settlement with respect to each of the plurality of users.

14. (New) A system according to claim 13, wherein the notice information management unit is able to receive content use instructions via the network from any one of the plurality of users, the use information management unit is able to determine, based on the information indicative of settlement completion, whether the content use instructions were received by the

notice information management unit during the period for which the one user is authorized to use the charge collection system, and the notice information management unit is further able to transmit notification to the one user via the network of the determination made by the use information management unit.

15. (New) A system according to claim 11, wherein the predetermined period is one month.

16. (New) A system according to claim 11, wherein the system is further connected by the network to a wallet server comprising an electronic wallet corresponding to each of the plurality of users, such that the settlement unit has access to the electronic wallets for the real-time settlement associated with each of the users.

17. (New) A system according to claim 11, wherein said settlement unit makes the settlement in accordance with an SET (Secure Electronic Transactions).

18. (New) A system according to claim 11, wherein said settlement by said settlement unit is a credit settlement using a credit card.

19. (New) A system according to claim 11, wherein said settlement by said settlement unit is a settlement using prepaid-type electronic money.

20. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 11, wherein each of the respective addresses of the users and the paying address is a URL (Uniform Resource Locator) on the Internet.